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SUBJECT: SOMALIA ICG: ITALY AWAITING RESPONSE TO SWEDISH  
PROPOSED CHANGES

REF: STATE 16168

Classified By: DCM Anna M. Borg, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.

[1](#)2. (C) DCM delivered reftel points to MFA Director General for Africa Armando Sanguini February 22 and sought Italian concurrence on proposed changes to the International Contact Group on Somalia. Sanguini said Swedish Ambassador Marike Fahlen was supposed to discuss modifications to the U.S. proposal with AF A/S Frazer in Washington. Sanguini said the Swedish changes have European backing, and he inquired whether A/S Frazer had had a chance to review them and respond. Sanguini said Italy strongly supported efforts to reinforce the ICG and wanted to work with the U.S. to make it more effective.

[1](#)3. (U) Post requests guidance on Department's position on the Swedish proposal in order to respond to Italian inquiries.  
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